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## Minutes 11/12/2007

FINAL MINUTES of the Symmes Neighborhood Advisory Committee

November 12, 2007, Basement of the Jefferson-Cutter House

Present: Michele Barry, Beth Ann Friedman, Lisa Lazarczyk, Katie Kinnecom, Gregory Jackmauh (Acting Chair)

The meeting was called to order by the acting chair shortly after 7:00 PM and was attended by Kevin Nigro, the Designated Town Representative (DTR) and two additional Symmes neighbors.

The DTR presented a progress report on the Symmes development to the committee:

~ ABATEMENT: Additional hazardous material was discovered between masonry wall layers of the Hospital Building necessitating a change in abatement and demolition strategies. This discovery will also slow down the execution of both the abatement and the demolition.

~ FENCES, ETC: The installation of all fencing and filtration barriers will be complete in another 1 1/2 weeks. There are two fences: 1) An 8' wooden fence acting as a sound and debris barrier to the neighborhood and 2) A chain link fence for security at the immediate construction areas. There is also a hay bale and filter fabric barrier in locations where run-off from the site might be detrimental to neighbors properties. The DTR will see that this barrier is checked and maintained throughout the project by JPI.

~ DEMO AND BLASTING SURVEYS: Additional names have been added to JPI's original list both through discussions with the DTR and requests by neighbors. Households that received approvals for surveys were contacted. The DTR will continue to help expedite this process with neighbors and will ask JPI if those neighbors that are NOT INCLUDED in the survey lists but still want a survey can get one at cost with JPI's surveyor.

Neighbors asked the DTR specific questions and they were answered by the DTR.

Jackmauh raised the issue with the DTR of SNAC's specific role of facilitating communications. He asked that the DTR be aware that BEFORE communications with the neighborhood are sent out that SNAC be given the opportunity to review the information for accuracy and completeness. Jackmauh pointed to the example of the letter sent to Woodside Lane neighbors about their choosing to have a new sidewalk...he pointed out that this letter had to be retracted due to inaccurate and incomplete information.

The DTR explained why there may have been some communication difficulties with neighbors about the surveys but assured the committee that they were being addressed and there was no one who had not been followed up with...but sometimes when there is no news then communications are delayed.

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Jackmauh, in the capacity of acting chair, then conducted the administrative business of SNAC. All members were reminded to be sworn in by the Town Clerk. All members were also encouraged by Jackmauh to obtain and read the Town Meeting By-Law establishing SNAC and to obtain and read a copy of the NPP.

Jackmauh described the way the terms for each SNAC member was originally chosen by the first members. He described that they were chosen by lot. It was established that Lazarczyk already held a two-year term. It was further established that Jackmauh completed a three year term and was reappointed to another three year term. Through reading the By-Law establishing SNAC Jackmauh informed the committee that there was a single two-year term to be

filled and two three-year terms to fill. By drawing lots from a neighbor's hat Barry drew first and received the two-year term. The remaining three-year terms went to Friedman and Kinnecom.

The Chairmanship of SNAC was then discussed. After a brief discussion Lazarczyk made a motion to elect Barry as chairman. Jackmauh seconded the motion and the committee voted unanimously to elect Michele Barry as Chairman of SNAC. Barry said she would contact Kevin O'Brien about this vote so that the ARB would be able to take up the matter of appointing Barry as chairman.

The Vice-Chairmanship of SNAC was then discussed. After a brief discussion Lazarczyk made a motion to elect Jackmauh as vice-chairman. Barry seconded the motion and the committee voted unanimously to elect Gregory Jackmauh as Vice-Chairman of SNAC.

The Secretary's role for SNAC was then discussed. After discussion which revealed that there was no one specifically gifted or inclined for this position, Friedman suggested that each member of SNAC take a turn at taking notes and creating the minutes for the SNAC meetings. Friedman made a motion for SNAC to adopt the procedure of taking turns as Secretary of SNAC. Jackmauh seconded the motion and the committee voted unanimously to adopt a rotating Secretary position. It was further resolved that Jackmauh was to be Secretary for the 11/12/07 SNAC meeting and Friedman was to be Secretary for the 12/10/07 meeting.

Discussion of the sidewalk on Woodside Lane was taken up. It was established that a second letter had been issued to the designated neighbors and that it was in fact the same letter which SNAC had received from Kevin O'Brien for review...but it had not incorporated any comments which had been forwarded to O'Brien from SNAC. Lazarczyk made a motion that Barry take up the issue of the sidewalk with O'Brien, finding out about the status of the vote by neighbors for a sidewalk and exploring possibilities for a sidewalk on the other side of Woodside Lane if the first proposal was not going forward. Friedman seconded the motion and the committee unanimously voted to accept the motion and that Barry would proceed as described herein.

Jackmauh asked Barry to also ask Kevin O'Brien about the status of the demolition of the nurses' dormitory. Barry indicated she would ask about that subject when she met with Kevin O'Brien.

A report was delivered to the committee by Friedman on her attendance at the Saturday, November 3, 2007 meeting held between the ARB and the Board of Selectmen in Town Hall. Friedman reported that the better part of an hour was spent by the two bodies discussing the in's and out's of their simultaneous meeting times on Monday evenings. No conclusion was reached. Friedman also reported that relative to the Symmes project Choi of the ARB felt that there was not NOW much more to happen which required any regular reporting by the ARB to the BOS on the Symmes project. The BOS responded that they were getting a regular stream of calls from citizens about the project and so the BOS felt that it would be very useful if the ARB would make a regular report to the BOS on the Symmes project.

Discussion about the next SNAC meeting was taken up. December 10, 2007 in the Senior Center at 7 PM is the date, place, and time reported by Jackmauh. Jackmauh also said he would finalize the public notice for this meeting. Lazarczyk made a motion that Barry would request that the new staff of JPI come to this SNAC meeting for a meet and greet session. Friedman seconded the motion and the committee unanimously voted to accept the motion.

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Jackmauh made a motion to adjourn the meeting shortly after 9 PM. Kinnecom seconded the motion and the committee unanimously voted to accept the motion.